

# Blues slam nine!

Wycombe Wanderers 9,  
Oxford University 0

OXFORD University were well and truly outclassed on Tuesday night when Wycombe Wanderers showed no mercy in handing out a 9-0 thrashing. Totally in command throughout the 90 minutes, the Blues treated this friendly as shooting practice and were 6-0 up by half time (writes Stuart Earp).

Only one student, ex-Wycombe player Tony Price, looked on a par with any of the home side. Price gave Gary Hand quite a battle on the flanks and was responsible for Oxford's few attacks. The rest of the side, however, were never in with a chance and looked more like a park team than a side that will grace Wembley in the Varsity match later in the year.

Credit must be given, however, to the way they kept plugging away and never once gave up despite the nine goal barrage. Poor Oxford simply gave their opponents all the time in the world and against a side of Wycombe's stamp, this can be lethal.

Two outrageous errors by the defence gave Wanderers free gifts, like the first goal after ten minutes. Goalkeeper Mick Wickham pushed the ball short to a defender from a goal kick and stood amazed as Dylan Evans nipped in and placed the ball home.

## TWO FOR HOWARD

With youngsters Paul Griffiths and Graham Mackenzie combining well down the flanks and the front runners piercing the students' defence with ease, Wanderers had everything their own way. Howard Kennedy made it 2-0 with a beautiful left foot drive from long range and then added another three minutes later — again on the left foot but from closer range. Alan Phillips joined in the romp after 41 minutes, at first hitting the crossbar with his header and then nodding in the rebound home for his first Wycombe goal.

The fifth goal was another bizarre affair. Keith Searle sent a through ball towards the keeper from the half way line and with Perrin pressing, Wickham allowed the ball to go through his legs and dribble over the line. Searle added the sixth just on half time with a fine turn and shot that gave the unfortunate keeper no chance.

The half time changes of Dave Bullock for Keith Mead and Dave Alexander for Kennedy made little difference and three more goals were added. Best of these was Mick Holifield's thunderbolt from 10 yards that must have taken Wickham's hands with it.

Evans notched his second goal from a narrow angle after a Steve Perrin drive had cannoned off the crossbar. The last 20 minutes saw Wycombe pressing forward relentlessly. Gary Hand, yet to score for the Blues this term, tried harder than anyone to get his name on the score sheet and with five minutes to go cracked home a fine drive to win himself a "pint" from the trainers box and complete the scoring.

**WYCOMBE:** J. Maskell; P. Griffiths, K. Mead (sub. D. Bullock 45 mins.), A. Phillips, G. Hand, G. Mackenzie, H. Kennedy (sub. D. Alexander 45 mins.); M. Holifield (sub. P. Birdseye 72 mins.); D. Evans, K. Searle, S. Perrin.

**OXFORD:** M. Wickham; A. Johnson, D. Kay, D. Walters, J. Davies; A. O'Donnell, J. Hueck, D. Brewis; J. Lauffer (sub. G. Sheridan 45 mins.), M. Tood, A. Price.

**Half time:** 6-0. **Goalscorers** — Wycombe: Evans 2 (10, 68), Kennedy 2 (33, 38), Phillips (41), Searle (45), Holifield (57), Hand (85), Wickham o.g. (44).

**Attendance:** 250.